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Danyluk now Minister of Infrastructure

By SHAUNA BURKE

Review Contributor

Lac La Biche-St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk has a new portfolio, following Premier Ed Stelmach's cabinet shuffle, which was announced last Wednesday.



Lac La Biche-St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk

Danyluk has now been promoted in the cabinet and will be the Minister of Infrastructure, leaving his previous position as Minister of Municipal Affairs. Danyluk said that he is looking forward to the challenges of his new job.

"Infrastructure has always been a priority of this government, but especially now because to keep the economy of our province going, we need to ensure that we keep people working," Danyluk explained. "Support for infrastructure keeps the economy of the province going."

The department of infrastructure is responsible for about 1,500 buildings in the province, including the legislature building, the Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton, and all the jails, hospitals and education institutions in the province. Although Danyluk has just taken over the new post, he has already identified a few areas of focus, including the construction of Edmonton's new remand centre, estimated to cost \$620 million.

In general, his number one goal is to "ensure that we have the infrastructure in place to provide the best service we can, whether it be in schools, post secondary or hospitals," said Danyluk.

"If you listen to the Premier and his priorities for this government, one of the four focuses in direction is infrastructure," reported Danyluk.

Former Liberal Gene Zwozdesky has been named Health minister, replacing Ron Liepert, who is now the new Energy minister.

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Vicki Brooker photo

Dancers portray culture in glowing colour

Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club senior members Leigha Bishop, Elizabeth Orr, Savannah Plaska, Ashley Wozniak and Taylor Cochrane showed off ornately embroidered traditional costumes as they performed the Polissian Tanets at Saturday's Malanka celebration. More on Page 12.

Public harassment and curfew bylaw unveiled

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee got its first look last week at Elk Point's new Public Harassment and Curfew Bylaw, which had received its two final readings at the Jan. 7 meeting of town council.

The bylaw was passed "to regulate, control and abate disruptive behaviour in public places" in the community, and was added to a beefed-up curfew bylaw.

Under the new bylaw, it is illegal to "project or throw stones or balls of ice or snow or

other missiles" in a manner dangerous to the public, or to use a bow, arrow, catapult or other such device on highways or public places in Elk Point.

It is also illegal to participate in a fight or other physical confrontation in a public place or other place to which the public has access, or, in those places, to "repeatedly communicate, either directly or indirectly, with any minor in a way that causes the minor... to feel harassed." "Harassed" is defined as including but not limited to, tormented, troubled, worried, plagued or badgered, and a

minor as being an individual under 18 years of age.

The curfew portion of the bylaw prohibits children aged 16 or younger from being in a public place between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. without the "proper guardianship or supervision" of a parent or guardian, with a guardian defined as being of the full age of 18 and having the knowledge and support of the child's parent.

A child found in a public place between those hours may be warned by any bylaw enforcement officer to go home, and if found

loitering in a public place after such a warning may be taken to that child's home by the enforcement officer or referred to an appropriate agency. A parent or guardian who permits a child to contravene the bylaw is guilty of an offense and is liable to a \$100 fine for a first offense and \$250 for second or subsequent offenses, and in case of a default in payment of the fine, imprisonment of up to three months.

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County council redraws division boundaries

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

County of St. Paul council has passed the first reading of Bylaw 1545 - Municipal Electoral Boundaries, which divides the municipality into six divisions instead of seven. The boundary changes are occurring as a result of the plebiscite held last October, where ratepayers voted in favour of the reeve at large system.

Administration has been working on putting together a number of different options for the re-division of the boundaries, some of which council had already rejected. On Jan. 12, council was presented with two more options.

One of the options, Option 2, would include a boundary line being drawn on the correction line road north of the Town of St. Paul. Coun. Frank Sloan was concerned that when divisions are drawn on roads and two councillors share the boundary road, it could be forgotten, while other councillors and CAO Sheila Kitz believed that because the road is a busy one, there's no way it could be neglected.

"I think Option 1 is more uniform," said Sloan, who was also concerned that as a result of drawing the division boundary on the correction line road, it would split up the

community in the area.

Coun. Glen Ockerman, who was acting a deputy reeve in the absence of Reeve Robert Bouchard last week, said he felt Option 2 was "probably the best option out there."

While some councillors felt indifferent to either option, administration supported Option 1. Coun. Maxine Fodness moved the first reading of the bylaw, with Option 1 as the new chosen boundaries, which council passed. In order to meet the criteria set out in the Municipal Government Act, council must have the new boundaries in place six months before the next municipal election, which takes place this October.

"To me, it didn't matter either way," said Division 2 Coun. Tom Kurek, after the meeting. He explained that council tried to get the number of miles of road and the number of dwellings to be similar in each division of the county. But, he added, "How many zigzags do you put in?"

Public hearing

Council also made the decision to hold two public hearings to allow for ratepayers' input on the new division lines.

"It's a major change," said Division 3 Coun. Cliff Martin, who was strongly in favour of holding the public hearings.

Public hearings will be held on March 11 in both St. Paul and Elk Point. The meeting in St. Paul will be held in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m., while the Elk Point meeting will be held in the afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. More information on the meetings will be available closer to the date.

Spray park planned for Westcove park

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

If all goes as planned this spring, families in the area will only have to make the short drive to the Westcove recreation area at Vincent Lake to splash around and enjoy the sun at a brand new spray park.

Plans for the park have been in the works for some time, explained CAO Sheila Kitz, after last week's regular County of St. Paul council meeting on Jan. 12. Funds for the park will hopefully be received from a Municipal Sponsorship Grant that is shared between the county, Town of St. Paul, and Town of Elk Point.

The total cost of the park is estimated at \$156,000, while the grant application is being made for \$108,628, said Kitz.

To maximize the grant, the three municipalities work together and divvy up the money amongst themselves. For the past few years, the funds have been directed to the two towns, so this year, "it's kind of our turn to receive the bulk," said Kitz.

One of the reasons the park is being put in at Westcove is because of the lake's water level receding. But the campgrounds located at Westcove are "beautiful," says Kitz. She adds that the schools and other community organizations will be able to access the park because of its proximity to town.

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Door detached in liquor store heist

By CST. JOHN SPAANS
Elk Point RCMP Detachment

On Jan. 8, Elk Point RCMP responded to an alarm call at the Boones Liquor Store in Heinsburg. Suspects used a vehicle and tow straps to pull the front door off of the building.

They then entered the store and stole a number of bottles of liquor. The suspects drove away in the vehicle, leaving the store's door in the middle of the highway.

Suspects have been identified in this matter, with the help of Crime Stoppers and the general public. Should anyone have further information regarding this matter, please contact the Elk Point RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

Trouble at Elk Point residence

Elk Point RCMP were called to a residence in Elk Point four times over the past week for various offences.

On Jan. 3, Elk Point RCMP were called to the residence to deal with an argument between a male and a female. When members arrived, the male was found to have left the residence. He was on conditions not to be at the residence. A few days later, the male was located at Slinger's Pub and arrested. He was charged with being

at the house and for being in a bar, another location he was not supposed to attend.

On Jan. 10, members were called to the residence after a complaint was received of a female who was drunk, high and possibly shooting a gun. Members attended to find the residence unsecured and a drunken female stumbling around. The female did not live in the residence and was placed under arrest after she was found to have outstanding warrants. Investigation found that there were no guns in the house and no shots were fired.

Later in the night on Jan. 10, Elk Point RCMP were called to a hit and run at the K & N Liquor Store. A female drove a pickup truck into the side of the store then drove away. The female was identified and known to reside at this residence. Members attended to find the damaged pickup truck in the driveway. People inside the house saw the police and hid; they

would not answer the door. A warrant was obtained and members entered the residence. The suspect female was arrested along with five other people who were either grossly intoxicated or found to be on outstanding warrants from Edmonton.

Lastly, on the morning of Jan. 12, members received two 911 calls of a female chasing people with a knife outside of the residence. By the time members were able to attend, all involved parties were no longer on scene. Witnesses say that once the people heard police were called, they hopped into a vehicle and sped away.

Failing to comply

Early in the morning of Jan. 8, Elk Point RCMP were called to a residence in Frog Lake when two occupants of the residence began to argue and fight. Members attended to find the two males grossly intoxicated and somewhat belligerent. One of the males was found to be on bail conditions stemming from a marihuana trafficking charge. He was charged with breaching his conditions and now sits in the Edmonton Remand Centre to await his first court appearance.

Impaired driving complaints

On Jan. 6 at 9:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP received two complaints regarding suspected impaired drivers on Highway 41 and Range Road 72. While members were patrolling for the suspect vehicles, a third suspected impaired driver was pulled over in the town of Elk Point. An 80-year-old Elk Point male was found to be under the influence of alcohol and prescription medication. The male was issued a 24-hour suspension and his vehicle towed.



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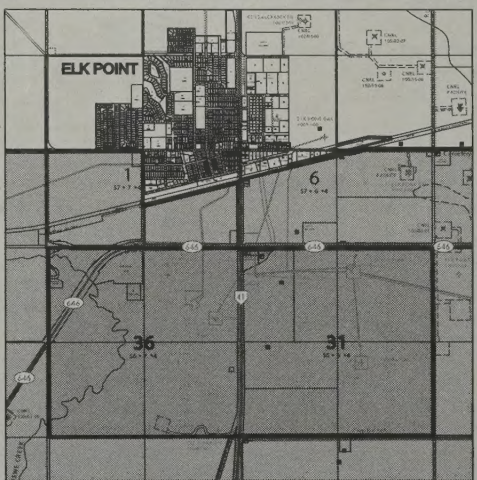
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Final enrollment bittersweet for Guiding leaders

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It was the exciting beginning of a new adventure for five brand-new Brownies last Tuesday evening as they were enrolled at an event that also kicked off the local celebration for the 100th anniversary of Girl Guides in Canada.

Former Sparks Kolbie Poitras and Ashley Kowalchuk were joined by newcomers Kailey Wirsta, Macy Drobot and Elora Cousins in the lineup, as they recited their Brownie promise and received their pins and enrollment certificates.

Both their enrollment and the 100th anniversary were celebrated with goodie bags, party hats and noise-makers for the new Brownies and Girl Guide Kaylee Poitras and cake for members, leaders and families.

However, the occasion was bittersweet for Guider Margaret White and Brown Owl Germaine Labrie, who are in their final year of leadership. Both leaders stayed on after their daughters completed the program, but have now decided it is time for new leadership and are stepping down at the end of April.

White "didn't even want to be a leader" when she started, "and I've been here nine years." She says she's "stepping down while things are still good. It's

time for new blood. I want the girls to enjoy themselves so this can stay a vibrant and exciting program."

White was unable to find a Sparks leader this year, which meant that program could not go ahead. A new leader for Brownies is now waiting for approval of her application, but White would also like to see new leaders in place for Sparks, Guides and Pathfinders, if there is a renewed interest in membership for those age groups.

Information about leadership is available through the Girl Guides website, or from White, who says she "will still be here until the end of April," and who would like to see new leadership in place for the fall.



Vicki Brooker photo

Newly enrolled Brownies Kolbie Poitras, Elora Cousins, Macy Drobot, Kailey Wirsta and Ashley Kowalchuk celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Guides in Canada with Brown Owl Germaine Labrie, Guide Kaylee Poitras, Guider Margaret White and assistant Pam Kowalchuk following their enrollment ceremony.



Vicki Brooker photo

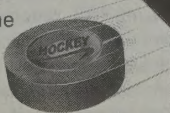
Brown Owl Germaine Labrie (right) leads Elk Point's five new Brownies in the Brownie promise during their enrollment ceremony in the art room of Elk Point Elementary School last Tuesday. At left is Labrie's assistant, Pam Kowalchuk.

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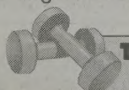
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Why should I get involved with my School Council?

Schools Councils (formerly known as Parent Advisory Councils) have existed in Alberta since the early 1900s, but the fact that the government has mandated councils in the School Act since 1994 means that they have the power to make a difference in school communities and across the province.

In fact, there are three levels at which School Councils can advise and consult in regards to education matters: (1) at the local school level, (2) at the school board level, and (3) at the provincial level. For example, when St. Paul Elementary Community School was planning for a school modernization and when the new Glen Avon School was being built, the School Council was consulted and a council representative was invited to sit at each design and construction meeting.

Almost every school in our local division has a monthly School Council meeting. Parents who attend these meetings have the opportunity for input into the school's and the division's education plans and budgeting process; they have a say in curriculum and local priorities; they can involve the school community in communications on important decisions. School Councils make a difference.

Please contact your school principal, local School Council executive members, or your local trustee on how you can get involved.

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EDITORIAL

What about the rest of us?

Elk Point and no doubt many other small communities along the route of the Olympic torch relay across Canada are wondering why we had to miss out on our taste of the glory.

The torch relays are almost all very brief, except in the case of the cities, but a brief stop is no doubt better than no stop at all.

Elk Point is right on the route between Vermilion and St. Paul, and even a 10-minute, two-block relay up our Main Street or from Highway 41 to the EcoCentre along the Iron Horse Trail would have given our community a sense of pride in being part of the Canadian group hosting the Olympics. As it is, only the members of the curling club who worked at the pre-Olympic trials and the lone RCMP officer who will be part of the security force from across the country maintaining law and order at the event, will have any involvement at all.

Somehow, it just doesn't seem fair.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Pilot project, permits, parking

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 19 IN...

1985

Alberta Energy and Resources Conservation Board members joined Amoco Canada Petroleum personnel, concerned landowners, representatives of Elk Point Surface Rights Association, the Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul, Elk Point Community Impact Assessment Study committee and Westmin Resources for a tour of the oil patch, taking a first-hand look at the proposed site of Amoco's pilot project. Town council studied three water supply upgrading proposals ranging in cost to more than \$2 million.

1990

Building permits were few and far between in 1989, with the estimated value of the 16 projects totaling \$150,200, but development officer Pat Vincent said things were looking up in the new year, with two permits for new homes issued in the first two weeks. Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated Ukrainian Christmas with a huge potluck feast and display of traditional dances.

1995

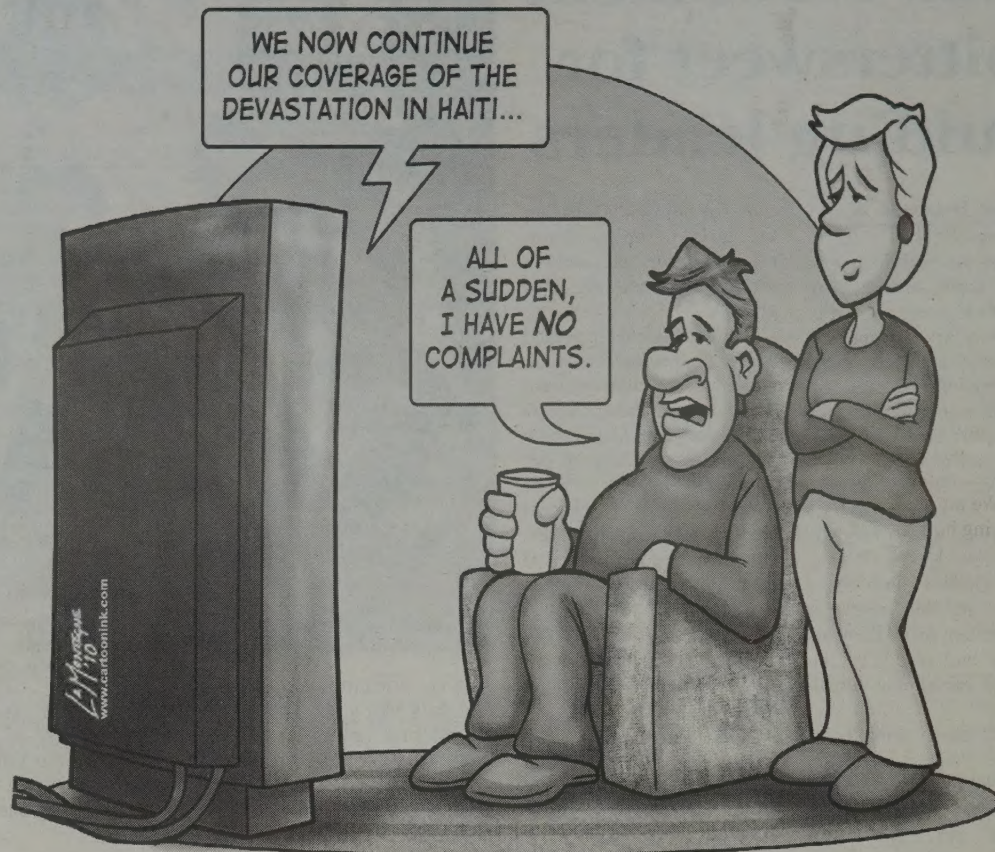
Forecast flurries dumped 18 inches of snow on Heinsburg overnight, while Elk Point received only two to three inches from the same storm. A draft paper on roles and responsibilities in education was the main topic of discussion for F. G. Miller High School's education support council.

2000

New routes and parking areas for big trucks were planned as Elk Point town council studied an updated traffic bylaw at their first meeting of the year. Elk Point OORP honoured members Rose Kozicky, Anne Buck, Rose Pankow and Pearl Anderson, all still active in the lodge after passing their 80th birthdays.

2005

Town council approved the terms of reference and constitution for the Elk Point Community Foundation and appointed Coun. Thomas Kondla, Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich and town manager Myron Goyan to sit on the foundation board. A magical goat, indulgent Baba and Gido and three little devils were among the large cast who entertained the crowd at Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's annual Malanka celebration.



GUEST COLUMN

Hold on! Heads up!

When one uses the expression "hold on", one may think it means "now wait a minute!", or any number of other thoughts we might come up with. Let me tell you a story that brought this thought to my attention.

A number of years ago, a one-inch article in a newspaper stated the following: "Four people were killed and seven workers were rescued after clinging for more than an hour to the underside of a 125-foot-high (38-m) bridge in St. Catharines, Ontario, after the scaffolding they were working on collapsed". When researching the background of this story it was learned that the workers had been painting the Garden City Skyway bridge for about a year and were two weeks short of completing the project when the accident happened. After the accident, officials were asked why these men did not have any safety equipment. The answer was simple: they had the equipment; they just chose not to wear it. After the scaffolding gave way, the survivors held on to a one-inch (2.5 cm.) lip of steel girder and stood on an eight-inch (20-cm) ledge of steel for over an hour until rescue teams could reach them. One survivor related that as he clung to the bridge, he thought a lot about his family. He said, "I just thank the Lord for me being here today ... It was pretty scary, I tell you" (in Rick Bogacz, "Skyway Horror," Standard, June 9, 1953).

There are many lessons to be learned and comparisons to be made from this incident. While most of us will never face such a dramatic, life-or-death situation, some of us

may admit we did something stupid when a certain accident happened. Some of it was our attitude. For example, have you ever seen the bumper stickers on work vehicles or the posters at work in the break room that say: "Safety is an attitude"? Well, it's true.

deanna

EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk



Unfortunately, you do not work alone and so it is not only your attitude that counts, often someone else can ruin your whole day without your permission. This other employee might be driving a forklift, working on a high pressure valve, or leave a spill of something slippery on the floor. When this occurs your attitude needs to be ahead of the game and you must stay heads-up.

The key to all of this is to commit to be a safe person. If you talk to executives, managers, and employees about safety, often they will say, "We have a safe company." Making that statement shows a great attitude and a high level of confidence. But how can a company "be safe"? To "be safe" one must show safe behavior. Although a company can promote safety by having a functional safety management process, it doesn't really mean anything unless the people behave safely.

So what does it mean to "to be safe"? For example: Do you follow the posted speed limit when driving? If you have broken the speed limit then you have behaved unsafely. Have you ever stood on a chair to reach an item on a shelf or change the blown bulb in the kitchen light? Guess what, you behaved unsafely. If you fall off of a chair changing the light bulb in the kitchen, don't sue the maker of the chair! You decision to use the chair as a step stool doesn't mean that the manufacturers of the chair used a poor design if you fall off - it just means the decision wasn't a good one.

So as we have started the new year of 2010, let us "hold on" to what we already know about being safe at our work place and at home. Let us make it a safe year.

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School board gets pat on the back from minister

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

In a letter presented at the St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) board meeting, held last Wednesday, Minister of Education Dave Hancock congratulated the jurisdiction for improvements in the provincial Accountability Pillar results.

"We are seeing some success and it is showing how hard our students are working," said Glen Brodziak, superintendent of schools for SPERD, the day after the board meeting. "But it also very much shows the effort put in by our teachers and entire school staff."

Among other things, the letter identifies significant improvements in the number of SPERD students receiving both acceptable and excellent standards on provincial achievement tests in 2009.

Second chances

Trustees Rhonda Lafrance and Don Padlesky reported to the board on the principals' meeting, held Jan. 12. Lafrance said there was a lengthy discussion about the practice of offering students who fail an exam or a major assign-

ment an opportunity to receive extra tutoring and be given a second chance at the assignment or test.

"This falls in line with our division goals set out in our three year plan," explained Brodziak, the day after the board meeting. "We want all students to improve on their work at all times."

Brodziak said next September, there will be division-wide standards and all schools will have to develop policies with regards to giving students second chances.

During the board meeting, Lafrance reported that most principals agree that this is the way the division should be going and that most of the staff are buying into the concept as well.

Brodziak explained to the board that this policy better prepares students for real life because when they are over 18-years-old, they cannot choose to say no to work or they will not get a paycheck.

Later in the meeting, Carl Christensen, principal of Two Hills Mennonite School, complimented the board and central office.

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CAPC welcomes newcomers

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Community Advisory Policing Committee welcomed two newcomers at their first meeting of 2010. Pastor Bill Kryzanowski has replaced Pastor Jim MacLellan as the clergy representative on the committee, and RCMP Sgt. Brad Lazicki brought along the detachment's newest member, Cpl. Kevin McGillivray, who was formerly posted in Vermilion.

CAPC chair Deanna Easthope reported that she is still seeking an oil industry representative to sit on the committee.

Easthope is also hoping to find interested individuals to become part of a future victims services board for Elk Point and surrounding areas, as it is felt that a local organization would better serve the needs of clients in the area.

Very few areas of complaint were brought forward at the meeting, and several members noted with approval the

increased visibility of police in the community.

Easthope reported that Santos Anonymous had helped approximately 30 families, including some in the Derwent and Heinsburg areas, this year and said, "People were referring people to us. It's good to get that involvement." Lazicki commented that the RCMP members would be available to deliver hampers to families in future years, if assistance was needed.

Despite the upheaval of renovations at the detachment office, Sgt. Lazicki said things are "going pretty smoothly. We're pulling off a warrant every week or two, and it has people thinking." He will have another addition to his staff on Feb. 1 when a new female constable arrives, he said.

Cpl. McGillivray said he is "glad to come to a detachment where they're keen on doing warrants," and is also pleased with the size of the community. "I'm a small town guy."

Olympic torch touches the hearts of local dancers

By JACKIE LUDLAGE
Review Contributor

As the Olympic torch made its way to Lloydminster, Alta. on Tuesday, Jan 12, Elk Point dancers and sisters Madeline and Hannah Ludlage were preparing for a moment they would never forget.

Both dancers had the very prestigious honour to dance in front of thousands of Olympic fans during the Olympic Torch ceremony held in Bud Miller Park.

Together with the Alison Lamont School of Dance, they performed with fellow dancers in a large group Hip Hop line to the inspiring song, "Don't Stop Believing". Madeline also performed a stunning and emotional lyrical solo to the song "Mirrors" whose lyrics reflect the theme of believing in oneself and self-confidence.

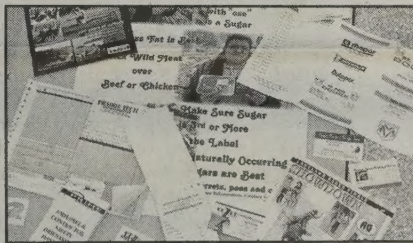
Madeline and Hannah left the ceremony with butterflies in their tummies and pure Canadian pride in their hearts – a moment that will not be forgotten for years to come. They BELIEVE.



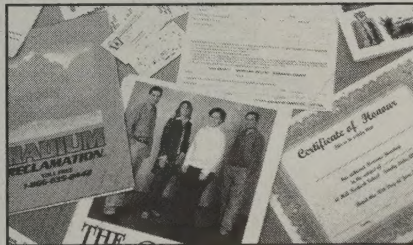
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Madeline and Hannah Ludlage by the huge ice Inukshuk outside Bud Miller Park in Lloydminster last before the Olympic torch ceremony.

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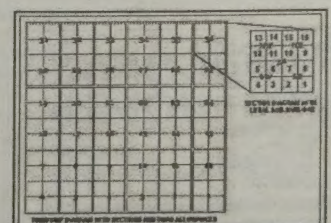
Notice is hereby given that the Council of No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 1545**, which will establish ward boundaries for the County of St. Paul. The Council will also establish the number of Councillors to serve the County of St. Paul.

Bylaw No. 1545 has been prepared in accordance with sections 143(4), 148(2) and 148(5) of the Municipal Act, R.S.A. 2000.

1. The County shall be divided into six (6) wards.



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Rookie goalie comes through for Storm

Facing adversity, that's when you see a team's true colors come out. Friday night was a perfect example of this; the **Midget Girls Storm** faced one of their toughest challenges of the season; their number one starting goaltender was down for the count with the flu. In fact, Robyn "Brick house" Maennchen has been their only goalie for the last two years, and trust me, she is a real competitor who comes to play every game without fail and never takes a night off. The team could have taken the easy road out and cancelled the game, but they dressed her sister Katie instead to face Lloydminster.

Is it just me, or have you ever noticed how a team will play harder when they have a first-time goalie in net instead of the regular starter? The Storm worked extremely hard in this one, green light all night for Chelsea Botting and Lindsey "Goldilocks" MacDonald on the 'D' they carried the puck coast to coast on almost every shift, the "Champ," Kelsey Vinge and team captain Tori "T-Rex" Becker were grinding it out, winning the battles for the puck. Brittany Ferris winning face offs and her sister Stephanie, along with "Taylor Made" Jenner, and Mary Cleland fore-checking hard, and that's just to mention a few of them. The coaching staff, Darcy Stafford, Dave Cousins and Tyler Loughran, has



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done a super job with these girls this season, teaching them new skills and how to fight when the chips are down.

The **Novice Lightning** is another team that competes every week, even if it doesn't always show up on the scoreboard. This

past Saturday at home they faced a tough team from Kitscoty. King of the castle, Spencer Hardcastle got the call to protect the fort, he saw his share of rubber but held his ground on guard. Dustyn Pankiw lighting the lamp for the Lightning, Kaiden Evans-Anderson almost scored on two break-aways in this one and some great defense by Conner Lychak, Lyon Cueva, and James Kozicky. This coming weekend, the Lightning are in a tournament in Dewberry.

Speaking of tournaments, the **Atom Avalanche** will be hosting their home tournament this coming weekend, come down, buy a hot dog, some 50/50's and support the team. Back to back games against Vermillion this past weekend for the Atoms, Saturday afternoon and again Sunday at noon, both games on home ice. Noah knows how to listen and learn, just like Don Cherry told him, "kids, keep your stick on the ice" and Noah Barber did just that, he deflected a hard shot by Joshua Abraham past the sprawling Vermillion goalie in Saturdays match. The last chance of defense, Chansie Botting was having a heck of a game rush-

ing the puck and back checking hard. Small in size but surely not intimidated, Sydney Letwin won a number of battles angling off some of the top power forwards on the Vermilion line up. On Sunday the whole team played a much better game overall, Brodin "the Flying Bull" with a hat trick, Brian Bazian finding the back off the net with one, plus adding two assists, Brodie "the Big O" Odgaard sniping one as well. No points on the board for Austin "Ozzy" Stafford, but he was the team's hardest fore-checker by far, unsung heroes Amy Harms and Taylor Pankiw both playing a strong game on the blue line.

On the road Friday night, the **Micro Novice Tornadoes** traveled to Kitscoty to take on the Bulldogs, winning a real nail biter 7 to 6. Kaiden Allen thrilled the crowd with his split second saves while singing his favorite tunes, Jenna Poitras with her unorthodox style laying across the goal mouth forced the Bulldogs to raise the puck, a huge offensive show by Jace Stafford scoring a hat trick, Jaden Van Maarion and Brandon Goertzen adding one each and finally Liam Ludlage coming up big with two huge goals in the final minute of the game to give the Tornadoes the win. The confident team is now looking forward to next weekend's match up against the almost unbeatable Marwayne Marmadukes.

This sounds a lot like the Oilers' luck lately! The **Bantam Avalanche**, playing in a tournament in Dewberry on the weekend were leading 2-0 going into the third period

against Bonnyville, the tide turned in the third, the Avalanche having a melt down lost in the final 20 seconds 3 to 2. "Dan the Man" Garrett finding the twine with two, Michael "Bulldozer" Abraham assisting on the one. In their second game against Neilburg the boys managed to score quite a few, but still not enough to win the game, "Dan the Man" and Davis Desjarlais with two each, Andrew "Bruise Brother" Jenner, Brett "the Moose" Ockerman and Dakata "Doc" Amyotte with one each. On Sunday morning when the residents in the town of Elk Point woke up they were out of gas and so was the Avalanche in the 'C' final against Dewberry.

Hey, talk about bad luck, did you notice the only team the Oilers have been able to beat in the last 15 games was the Leafs and yeah, I was there to witness it!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Any discussion on hockey goalies' must begin with the assumption that they are about three sandwiches shy of a picnic. From the moment primitive man first lurched erect, he and those who came after him survived on the principle that when something hard and potentially painful comes at you at great velocity, you get the heck out of its path. Goalkeepers throw themselves into its path. I rest my case." Last week's answer to: "If you're going to win the Stanley Cup, you've got to go top shelf." - Derek Sanderson. Do you have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportsound007@hotmail.com

Christmas bird count results tabulated

By PAUL E. BOISVERT
Review Contributor

When trying to interpret the results of the 2009 winter bird count that was carried out from Dec. 14 to Jan. 4, we must give some consideration to what effects the very strange weather patterns this year may have had on bird populations and the distribution of species.

When looking at the distribution of birds, a number of factors come into play. There is no doubt that weather conditions that are unfavorable during the nesting cycle will affect the rates of successful incubation of eggs. Extreme heat is as detrimental to a bird's egg actually hatching as is very unseasonable cold. The lateness of the arrival of warm temperatures last

spring could have affected some species, as trees were late in getting their foliage. The insect populations were also thrown off and this is a vital element in the food supply during nesting season.

The newly hatched young are fed a diet made up almost exclusively of insects. Two other factors in bird distributions are the availability of suitable habitat and the presence of other animals that not only prey on live birds but also consume large amounts on eggs.

This fall, very cold weather caused the leaves and fruit on the trees to freeze to death rather than ripen and drop naturally. As a result, many wild berry trees are still holding a large part of their berry produc-

tion. This, combined with the relatively light snow cover in our area, has provided a very good source of food for many of our winter species such as the grosbeak, redpolls and waxwings, to name just a few. Consequently, these birds that would often congregate at feeders and in populated areas have been able to remain scattered in the forested areas.

Prior to the count dates for this year, we received reports from three widely spread locations of the sightings of northern cardinals. This is a species that appears to be moving farther west each year. We ask anyone who observes any unusual species to report these through this newspaper.

2009 Town and County of St. Paul Christmas Bird Count

Species	2009 counted number	2008 counted number
Black Capped Chickadees	158	125
House Sparrows	193	206
Red Breasted Nuthatches	67	4
Pine Siskins	134	22
Purple Finches	18	4
Common Redpolls	209	192
Magpies	139	140
Bluejays	28	18
Pine Grosbeaks	62	114
Evening Grosbeaks	27	64
Rock Doves (Pigeons)	171	104
Bohemian Wax-wing	2,050	25
Downy Woodpecker	43	21
Hairy Woodpecker	29	19
Three-toed Woodpecker	1	1
White-winged Crossbills	12	8
Northern Flickers	3	0
Northern Shrikes	4	2
Loggerhead Shrikes	1	0
Gray jays	7	1
Snow Buntings	1,200	550
Dark-eyed Juncos	16	4
Robins	3	0
Ravens	204	76
Ruffed Grouse	16	14
Gray Partridges	24	7
Snowy Owls	1	5
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Sawhet Owls	1	2
Blue Winged Teals	3	0

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Family-style gospel music

Canada's Double Portion, a North Battleford-based gospel band, visited Elk Point Baptist Church on Sunday for a concert of contemporary and traditional music. Debbie and Duncan Hammerling and eight of their nine children, Moriah, 8, Jardeth, 19, Madison, 12, Octavia, 3, Olivia, 5, Christina, 16, with baby brother Emerson and Bronson, 14, perform "A Faith Like That." At right, Jardeth on guitar and Andrew, 21, on drums back up Moriah, Olivia and Octavia as they sing "Five Little Fingers." Not shown are Andrew's wife, Cheilon, who runs the band's sound system, and vocalist and violinist Amy Olson, the only non-family member of the band. Canada's Double Portion is leaving January 26 on a tour of BC and the western USA, performing as far away as Nevada. They travel by bus, with Debbie supervising the homework provided by the children's Christian school as they go down the road.



Lois Sharek photo

OORP celebrates birthdays

Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple celebrated members' birthdays in December, January and February. From left to right are Lillian Ewasiuk, Niki Riemer, Vicki Brooker, Irene Pilisko, Brenda Diesel and Rose Kozicky. Unable to attend the lunch were birthday ladies Jeannine Boratynec and Roberta Scott.

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Thank you to the Royal Purple Ladies for preparing and serving lunch at the prayer service and funeral.

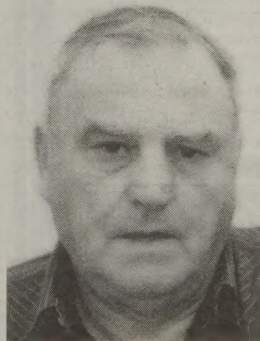
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The Schuhmacher Family



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**MURFIN,
Robert John**



On January 15, 2010, Robert John Murfin of Elk Point passed away at the age of 73 years. Left to cherish his memory is his family of 1 daughter, Brenda (Brian) Schmitke of Stony Plain; 2 sons, Bob (Valerie) of Devon & Brian of Edmonton; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers & 4 sisters. He was predeceased by his wife, Cam in 2006; & his daughter, Shelley in 1997. Memorial Service Saturday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul with Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Hayling in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0. Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd. St. Paul. 1-780-645-5177

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New Minister of Infrastructure

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"Gene is going to do a great job in health," praised Danyluk. "He is, if not the top, then one of the top two hardest working ministers in this government. He is very cognizant and conscientious of people's needs. So I think he is going to do a fabulous job."

Ted Morton takes the reigns for the finance portfolio from Iris Evans. He is considered to be a strong fiscal conservative and is expected to deliver the government's budget in the first week of February, about three weeks ahead of schedule.

"I have confidence in what he is going to do. Does he have a challenging job? Yes, he does. Finance is a tough portfolio, especially right now when you have a decrease in revenue," explained Danyluk.

George Groeneveld, not only lost his post as minister of Agriculture, but was relegated to the backbenches along with Janis Tarchuk and Fred Lindsay. Groeneveld has received criticism from agricultural organizations such as Alberta Beef Producers (ABP).

Danyluk praised new agriculture minister Jack Hayden, saying, "He understands agriculture; he is committed to working with farmers and ranchers."

However, in a flurry of press releases issued shortly after the announced cabinet shuffle, opposition parties criticized the rotation of the same faces within cabinet.

"This is a tired cynical government that is out of ideas," charged NDP leader Brian Mason, adding a shot at Ron Liepert

by claiming Liepert does not have the diplomatic skills for a post in the energy department.

Meanwhile Danielle Smith, leader of the Wildrose Alliance Party, said that each member of Stelmach's party has "endorsed the crippling royalty regime, the passage of Bill 40, and the erosion of property rights, disastrous health care changes and all of the other poor PC policies that have taken Alberta way off course." Nothing but replacing the "tired rudderless government" would help Albertans see real change, she said.

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees President Guy Smith said that a cabinet shuffle won't do much to appease Albertans who are angry about cuts to public services, adding that the premier needs to set out a clear policy direction for the cabinet.

But, at the same time, Smith said he would not pre-judge any of the new ministers. "They have very difficult jobs to do and how they can do their jobs will be determined to a degree by the direction set by the Premier," said Smith. "My hope is that Premier Stelmach gives the new cabinet the latitude to be advocates for their employees and the services that those employees deliver to Albertans every day."

As for Danyluk, he said he was happy with the changes, as the change provided a good focus and direction for the government. "The premier made some major changes in his office that, in my viewpoint, are very positive in the direction of communication and accessibility of the premier's office and I think that is very, very good," said Danyluk.

County plans their Municipal Sponsorship Grant spending

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If the grant is received, and all goes as planned, construction of the park would go ahead as soon as possible and the park could be open this summer. The park will take up a space measuring 64 feet by 36 feet and will consist of at least a dozen pieces of sprinkler equipment, with some space being left for additional pieces.

The Town of Elk Point is working on a similar spray park project.

Fire fighting ATV

The Ashmont volunteer fire department has requested financial aid from the County of St. Paul to help purchase a fire fighting ATV that would be used to battle fires in remote areas throughout the county.

"I think it's a major benefit to have," said Coun. Frank Sloan. The department requested \$6,250 from the county. The total cost of the ATV, including training to use it, is \$25,000. The department has applied for a government grant to help cover some of the costs.

After acquiring some additional information about the ATV from St. Paul Fire Chief Terry Senecal, council agreed

to cover 25 per cent of the total cost of the machine.

Rescue unit

Council has also approved a request to contribute \$75,000 to the purchase of a new rescue unit for the St. Paul volunteer fire department. The cost of the new unit is about \$300,000.

The group involved in gathering funds for the purchase has applied for a grant of \$75,000 and will be making an application under the Municipal Sponsorship Program for over \$56,000. The Town of St. Paul has committed \$75,000 to the purchase of the unit.

After discussing the item with Senecal, Coun. Cliff Martin made a motion to provide a letter of support to the project, along with committing \$75,000 to the rescue unit. The project will still face a \$48,000 shortfall, which the department is hoping to cover through fundraising and other possible provincial funding.

Vans

The two buses that were being used to transport seniors from smaller communities to the towns of St. Paul and Elk Point have come to an end of a three-month pilot project, and will no longer be running

within the County of St. Paul.

At last week's regular council meeting, councillors decided that because of a lack of interest in the service, the service is not really needed in the county. The Action Bus was traveling to the communities of Ashmont and Mallaig, bringing seniors to St. Paul on a scheduled basis, but very few people were taking advantage of the service. A similar service was being offered in the Elk Point area.

"There has been very little usage of both these programs," said Kitz.

For now, the initiative will be "put on the back burner," said Coun. Glen Ockerman.

Tippage fees

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission has announced that instead of increasing the tippage fees at the Lafond landfill from \$50 per tonne to \$60 per tonne, the commission will only increase the fees to \$55 per tonne.

"They readjusted the budget," said Ockerman.

Own forces

As of August of 2010, certain grant programs that allow for the use of a municipality's own forces to build roads will no longer allow for that ability.

County of St. Paul council has agreed to work on a resolution to bring the issue to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties' spring convention.

Rescinding the ability for municipalities to use their own forces could affect a lot of projects within the County of St. Paul, heard council. It was also noted that having the ability to do their own work saves municipalities a lot of money.

"I think it's something fairly important," said Ockerman.

Letters of support

Council has agreed to offer letters of support for two other projects that have been undertaken by community groups within the municipality. A letter has been sent to Mallaig Minor Hockey to help acquire a grant to purchase a Zamboni, while a letter has also been sent to Sugden Community Centre to help acquire a grant to upgrade the community centre.

ASP

A public hearing will be held on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at Brosseau Hall in relation to the Lac Sainte Area Structure Plan. The public hearing will be held to hear from people who feel the proposed ASP may affect them.

School board pat on back

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"I just want to say that the push from the board and from Glen is making a difference in my school ... a lot of conversations now take place about the real reasons why schools exist and that is to try to get all the kids to learn," said Christensen. "Some teachers who like to turn the kid over to somebody else to treat now realize that they themselves have been engaged as well. It's a real cultural shift and it's very good."

Two Hills Mennonite School

In a discussion after the school board meeting, Christensen said that Two Hills Mennonite School has now received two new modular classrooms that arrived in the first week of December. Work crews

have been busy painting, installing shelves, lockers and a breezeway to the school. Utilities such as power and gas needed to be connected. Even though the two classrooms will accommodate an extra 20 students each, the school remains overcrowded with a current population of 391.

"We need at least another two modules to accommodate the population that we now have," reported Christensen. However, he noted two thirds of the building is antiquated and in need of replacement, so the most sensible option is to build a new school. When the province does begin funding new educational infrastructure projects, he is confident that a new school will be built in Two Hills.

Glen Avon

The board heard that Glen Avon School has been nominated for the 4th Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities, which is published once every five years by an international commission of the Centre for Effective Learning Environments. The compendium will address how the design use management of buildings and grounds contribute to the quality of education.

"It was in the area of functionality that we qualified - how the design met the needs of the children (and) the community as far as looking more like a home than an institutional building," explained trustee Maureen Miller. "I think we have a good chance at it."

Ukrainian Dance Club celebrates Malanka with a large and delighted audience

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated Malanka 2010 with a near-capacity crowd at the Arts and Leisure Centre on Saturday evening.

A sumptuous traditional feast, with club parents pitching in to make the holupchi and nalesnyky, was followed by a colourful performance featuring all the club's dancers, from tiny beginners to seniors with many years of training to their credit..

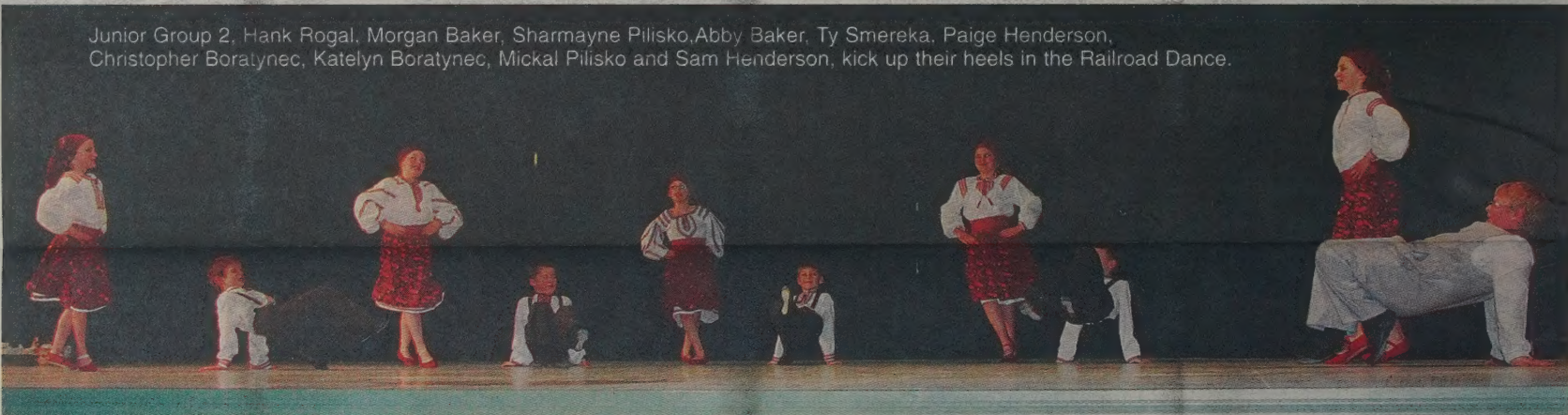
Along with the traditional dances from the various regions of the Ukraine were solos by Bryce Osinchuk and Jaden Plaska and commentary in both Ukrainian and English by mistress of ceremonies Wendy Smereka.

Ruth Vogel, who led grace after the welcome by club president Barry Brunner, recalled Elk Point's first Malanka celebration 31 years ago, in "the old pink school, with straw scattered on the floor, when Wayne Smereka's mom was the leader."

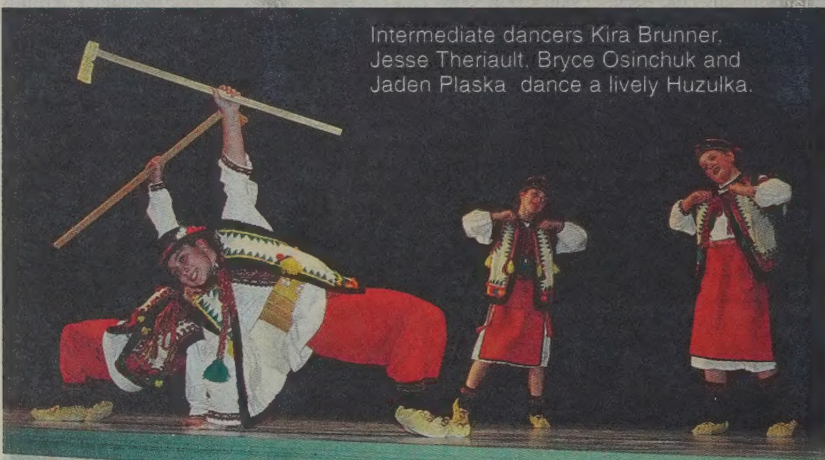
Junior Group 1 dancers Charlie Rogal, Mykaela Verenka, Jorja Theriault, Sadie Baker and Kolbie Poiras are as lively as the insects they portrayed in The Ant Dance



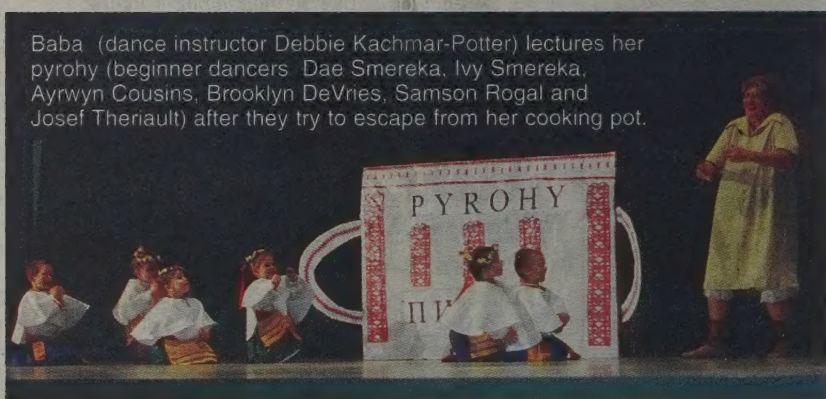
Junior Group 2, Hank Rogal, Morgan Baker, Sharmayne Pilisko, Abby Baker, Ty Smereka, Paige Henderson, Christopher Boratyne, Katelyn Boratyne, Mickal Pilisko and Sam Henderson, kick up their heels in the Railroad Dance.



Intermediate dancers Kira Brunner, Jesse Theriault, Bryce Osinchuk and Jaden Plaska dance a lively Huzulka.



Baba (dance instructor Debbie Kachmar-Potter) lectures her pyrohy (beginner dancers Dae Smereka, Ivy Smereka, Ayrwyn Cousins, Brooklyn DeVries, Samson Rogal and Josef Theriault) after they try to escape from her cooking pot.



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Intermediate boys Jaden Plaska and Bryce Osinchuk join the senior girls in the glorious Hopak.

